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In response to a call extended by its worthy President, Prof. M. Loy, the members of the Synod met in special convention in the Ev. Luth. Good Hope Church, at Bucyrus, Crawford Co., O., on Thursday, May 28, 1872, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod was opened by the President with the usual opening service. At the calling of the Synodical roll, the Pastors present answered to their names, and the lay delegates handed in their credentials. The following is a list of the

Pastors and Lay Delegates Present at this Synod.

1. The Northern District.

Pastors.	*P. O. address.*	*Lay Delegates.*
H. F. Belser	New Washington, Crawford Co., O	J. Weil.
W. K. Braunwarth	Dundee, Monroe Co., Mich	
C. Buechler	Bellevue, Huron Co., O	Karl Studt.
A. Buerkle	Woodville, Sandusky Co., O	P. Bowe.
M. Buerkle	Findlay, O	A. Kleindienst.
J. Dornbirer	Loudonville, Ashland Co., O	John Lang.
J. C. Eirich	Homerville, Medina Co., O	John Holzschuh.
J. Graeszle	Bucyrus, O	J. Mollenkopf.
R. Graetz	Fremont, O	F. Netscher.
W. F. Helle	Crestline, O	John Braun.
A. Hordorf	Sandusky City, O	
S. Hunziker	Clyde, O	H. Weihl.
E. Cronenwett	Wooster, O	D. Sommers.
E. Kornbaum	Pemberville, Wood Co., O	
K. W. Kraemer	Attica, Seneca Co., O	

Pastors.	*P. O. address.*	*Lay Delegates.*
E. Knauth	Cardington, O	M. Mochel.
H. Lang	Fremont, O	
J. G. Lehrer	Sandusky City, O	W. Brehm.
A. Michaelis	Liverpool, Medina Co., O	M. Grueninger.
C. R. O. Mueller	Ashland, O	
G. Reif	Marion, O	Engelh. Lauer.
Chr. Raths	Hartford, Ottawa Co., O	
J. Schladermundt	Buffalo, N. Y	
H. A. Schmidt	Galion, O	Chr. Diesem.
W. Schmogrow	Pontiac, Huron Co., O	H. Zorn.
G. H. Trebel	Mansfield, O	J. Kraus.
C. Volz	Saginaw, Mich	
C. Wernle	Upper Sandusky, O	J. Naas.
J. N. Wolf	Jackson Mich	
	Greersville, Knox Co., O	John Duerr.

2. The Eastern District.

S. Bæchler	Columbiana, O	
J. Bauch	Warren, Trumbull Co., O	
F. C. Becker	Lordstown, Trumbull Co., O	Sam. Huet.
J. G. Butz	Zelienople, Pa	
C. Cleszler	West Greenville, Pa	
C. A. Cramer	Petersburg, Mahoning Co., O	
W. F. Deisz	Meadville, Pa	J. Zellhœfer.
P. Engers	Jefferson Furnace, Clarion Co., Pa	
J. J. Fast	Canton, O	J. Karper.
F. E. Fickeissen	Buchanan, Allegheny Co., Pa	F. Maier.
H. Th. Hengist	Sharon, Mercer Co., Pa	
F. A. Herzberger	Buchanan, Allegheny Co., Pa	J. Preissel.
J. Hœrr	Tyrone, Pa	
M. Kœpplin	Bradys Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa	
W. C. H. Luebkert	Butler, Pa	Jul. Klingler.
G. F. H. Meiser	Youngstown, Mahoning Co., O	G. Dingeldey.
J. M. Meiszner	Punxutawney, Jefferson Co., Pa	
F. Schiedt	Allegheny City, Pa	
K. Schmidt	Canfield, Mahoning Co., O	E. Kenreich.
A. W. Werder	Wheeling, W. Va	
L. Vogelsang	South Oil City, Venango Co., Pa	
J. Wilhelm	Breakneck, Butler Co., Pa	
F. Wilhelm	Saxonburg, Butler Co., Pa	
K. Walz	Sharpsburg, Pa	Pet. Trager.
O. von Zech	Beaver Falls, Beaver Co., Pa	

3. The Western District.

F. W. Althoff	Pomeroy, O	
C. H. Althoff	Greenville, Darke Co., O	
G. Bachmann, Jr	Reading, Hamilton Co., O	

Pastors.	*P. O. address.*	*Lay Delegates.*
E. A. Bœhme	Union City, Ind	
C. Benzin	Salamonia, Ind	
G. E. Buchholz	Middletown, Butler Co., O	
L. Dammann	Montra, Shelby Co., O	
J. Dingeldey	Sidney, O	J. Finkenbein.
G. Dœpken	New Bedford, Coshocton Co., O	Moses Steel.
F. Groth	Dayton, O	
H. Henkel	Springfield, O	C. Nagel.
R. Herbst	Hamilton, O	
G. Kittel	Eaton, Preble Co., O	
W. F. Lehmann	Columbus, O	Chr. Schroth.
W. C. Lembke	Marysville, Union Co., O	
W. L. Meyer	Ironton, Lawrence Co., O	
G. Mochel	Canal Winchester, Franklin Co., O	
P. H. Mueller	Logan, Hocking Co., O	
C. G. Reichert	Grove City, Franklin Co., O	
J. G. Schæfer	Covington, Miami Co., O	
Prof. E. Schmid	Columbus, O	
J. A. Schulze	Columbus, O	
C. F. Seitz	St. Marys, Auglaize Co., O	
Ph. Schmidt	Skeels Cross Roads, Mercer Co., O	
Dr. J. A. Spangenberg	Cincinnati, O	H. Krœger.
C. H. L. Schuette	Delaware, O	Fr. Munz.
J. J. Sutter	Sugar Grove, Fairfield Co., O	
G. Sutter	Versailles, Darke Co., O	
L. Serr	Celina, Mercer Co., O	
J. G. Theisz	Madisonville, Hamilton Co., O	
F. Wendt	Wapakoneta, O	

4. The Southern District.

H. Borchers	Seymour, Ind	
J. F. Lautenschlager	Housertown, Owen Co., Ind	
G. Lœwenstein	Richmond, Ind	
J. J. Meiszner	Francesville, Pulasky Co., Ind	
P. A. Peter	Olean, Ripley Co., Ind	
J. C. Schulze	Harrison, O	
F. zur Muehlen	Bear Branch, Ohio Co., Ind	

5. The English District.

J. Beck	Columbus, O	
H. A. Becker	Thornville, Perry Co., O	Geo. Cooperrider.
A. Birch	Wabash, Ind	
J. S. Fink	Harrison City, Westmoreland Co., Pa	David Landis.
M. H. Hockman	Carrollton, O	
J. Humberger	Prospect, Marion Co., O	Jacob Kohlman.
G. Harter	Lithopolis, Fairfield Co., O	
E. Kæmmer	Rokeby, Morgan Co., O	

Pastors.	*P. O. address.*	*Lay Delegates.*
M. Loy	Columbus, O	
V. Koch	Versailles, Darke Co., O	
J. G. Long	Attica, N. Y	
D. M. Martens	New Berlin, O	J. Harter.
B. F. Schillinger	Hartford City, Ind	Joseph Keller.
A. H. Schulze	Waynesburg, O	
D. Simon	Lake, Stark Co., O	J. Bair.
E. L. S. Tressel	Circleville, O	J. F. Schleyer.
Geo. Weber	Swan, Noble Co., Ind	
W. A. Weisman	Youngstown, Pa	Chas. Schirey.
Geo. Yung	New Lexington, Perry Co., O	

The following Pastors were absent:

(Those marked (*) were not excused.)

1. The Northern District.

Pastors.	*P. O. address.*	*Pastors.*	*P. O. address.*
G. Cronenwett	Woodville, O.	J. Dœrfler	Bridgewater, Mich.
L. Krebs	Monroe, Mich.	*C. Adam	Woodland, Mich.
L. F. E. Krause	Australia.	*G. Tuerk	Waterloo, Mich.

2. The Eastern District.

C. F. W. Brecht	Perrysville, Pa.	G. Strœhlein	Allegheny, Pa.
A. Pohl	Millerstown, Pa.	*J. Hœlsche	Waterloo, Ont.
G. Kranz, New Hamburg, Mercer Co., Pa.			

3. The Western District.

K. Kœberlin	Greenville, O.	*L. H. Lorenz	Springfield, O.
H. M. Kreuter, Centre, Montg'y Co., O.		*C. Spielmann	Lancaster, O.
*G. Schmogrow	Columbia City, Ind.	*G. Spængler	Sidney, O.
H. G. Holm	Buena Vista, O.	J. Stumpf	Ironton, O.
*J. Lautenschlager	Ashland, Ky.		

4. The Southern District.

J. F. Isensee	Weisburg, Ind.	*W. Bauermeister	Polk Patch, Ind.
H. Kœnig	Evansville, Ind.	*C. Busse	Herman Station, Ind.
J. D. Warns	Holland, Ind.	C. Mayer	Kellersville, Ind.
A. Schæchter	Dudleytown, Ind.		

5. The English District.

*W. J. Schroyer	Euphemia, O.	*W. J. Braun	Circleville, O.
*G. Baughman	Lewisburg, O.	A. Friedrichson	Oregon.
*J. O. Hoffman	St. Paris, O.		

This was followed by the reading of the

Report of the President.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with us all. Amen,

Beloved brethren in the Lord Jesus!

The officers of this Synod deemed it expedient, in accordance with the authority received at our last convention, to call this special meeting, mainly for the purpose of taking into consideration the proposed conference of orthodox Lutheran Synods and our educational institutions, and to take such steps in regard to these, as under present circumstances may be found necessary.

Authorized by a resolution of our last convention in Dayton, the committee there appointed for the purpose, addressed the question to the officers of the Synods of Missouri, of Wisconsin, of Illinois and the Norwegian Synod, whether a co-operation of these Synods with ours in the work of building up the Ev. Lutheran Church, the church so dear to us all, might not be effected. This proposal was received with joy by all, and the result of the correspondence was an agreement to call a conference to consult upon this matter. This conference met in Chicago, Ill., on January 11. of last year, and besides our own Synod, the Synods of Missouri, of Wisconsin and the Norwegian Synod were therein represented by delegates appointed by the officers of the several Synods. The president of the Synod of Illinois was also present, but as this Synod was still formally connected with the General Council, he did not feel at liberty to participate officially in the transactions of the Conference.

The consultations, which were conducted in a fraternal spirit, resulted in the unanimous adoption of a proposal to organize a Synodical Conference and an expression of opinion in regard to our institutions at Columbus, both of which have already become sufficiently well known through our church papers. At the same time the delegates deemed it expedient to call another convention in the course of the same year, with the provision, however, of extending an invitation to all the members of the Synods concerned.

This second convention was held on Nov. 14. of last year, and, like the former, was continued three days. In its proceedings a number of the members of the above mentioned Synods,

together with the delegates appointed to the first Conference, participated, and the Synods of Illinois and of Minnesota were also represented. At this convention the constitution of the Synodical Conference about to be organized was revised, and a Memorial, prepared pursuant to a resolution of the Conference by Prof. F. A. Schmidt, adopted, in which the reasons were set forth, why the Synods concerned could not connect themselves with any of the already existing unions of Synods bearing the Lutheran name. This document, which of course has gone forth in the name of those only, who were present during the consultations and gave their consent, has appeared in print, and no doubt the brethren are familiar with it. It was also proposed, that the Synods of Illinois and Minnesota should be cordially invited by the other Synods concerned, to participate in the formation of the Synodical Conference.

A copy of the constitution, as finally adopted, is herewith submitted, and the hope cherished, that this Synod will greet the proposed union with joy, and by the adoption of the constitution connect itself with the Synodical Conference. I also take the liberty to recommend, that we consent to invite the Synods of Illinois and of Minnesota to participate in the formation of the Conference, inasmuch as both of these Synods have, for the sake of maintaining their Lutheran standpoint unimpaired, already severed their connection with the General Council, and both have been recognized as sister-synods by synods that have participated in the formation of the Conference from the beginning, to wit, the Synod of Illinois by the Missouri, and that of Minnesota by the Wisconsin Synod.

Our compliance with the proposal of the Chicago Conference, in regard to our institutions, would be less easy and to many also less desirable, than our union with the Synodical Conference. Various difficulties have already been urged and doubts expressed. However, inasmuch as, in my opinion, the plan is not only practicable, but would also be a blessing to all concerned, I take the liberty to submit the request, that this proposition be thoroughly and earnestly considered. Let us consult upon this matter, keeping in view the honor of our God and the welfare of our beloved Lutheran Church, and then do what will be found best.

Should this Synod then become convinced, that the proposed removal and arrangement of our institutions would be impracticable or unwise, this would impose upon us the necessity of providing otherwise for their future prosperity. There is a want existing, that should be met as soon as possible. Aside from the fact, that the right man for the office of Housefather is still wanting, and aside from the fact, that the President of the institution is also Professor of Theology and the Pastor of a large congregation, so that it is impossible for him, together with the time he also devotes to the College, to attend to the supervision of the entire institution in a manner satisfactory to himself, it is also true that the want of teachers is very great. The College especially has suffered from this want for years, and will continue to suffer more and more, in proportion as the want becomes more apparent to others.

To me it seems that one of two things is necessary. Either the object, toward the accomplishment of which the work in the College is directed, must be so changed, that a smaller number of branches be adopted in the course of instruction, or a larger number of teachers must be procured. In the former case it would become necessary to confine ourselves strictly to the institution of a school preparatory to the Theological Seminary. In support of this it might yet be urged, that for years past we have had but very few students, who have not come with the intention of preparing for the office of the ministry. It would therefore be perfectly proper to take the question into earnest consideration, whether under existing circumstances it would not be better to change the College into a preparatory school for the seminary, and to this end to arrange the entire course of instruction, without reference to any training for other purposes. True, the dissolution of the College, after its having existed so long, is not desirable; yet in my opinion it would be much better, if we were to confine ourselves to a more modest course and follow it out thoroughly, than to aim at much, while comparatively little is accomplished. In the second case the troublesome pecuniary question would again intrude, for which some of the brethren indeed find an easy solution, but which is by no means so unimportant to those who are obliged to maintain themselves and families in so expensive a locality as the city of Columbus.

If the fact is kept in view, that the sum total of the salaries of the five College Professors, as such, would be no more than sufficient to provide a proper maintainance for *one* teacher with a family, the importance of this matter will perhaps become apparent. But this Synod is certainly not so poor, that a want of money must needs be permitted to hinder it in any undertaking that may be found salutary. May God bestow wisdom, that in this matter the right way may be found, and faith and love to do the right, to the praise of His name!

If it is desired not to dispense with, but to retain, the College, I beg leave to submit to this Synod a few questions in regard to the same. The first is this: whether, in case we do not agree to unite with others, but resolve henceforth, as hitherto, to conduct our College alone, it would not be better to remove the same to another, and a smaller, locality than Columbus. This question has already been proposed a number of times, and it is time that a final decision be made. To me it seems that such a removal could only result to its gain. The second question is this: Shall it be conclusive, that no applicants shall be received, except such as have made progress sufficient to enable them to enter the least advanced class in the Grammar School, so as to make the organization of special classes unnecessary? The reason why this question is submitted is, because young persons are quite frequently recommended for reception into the institution, who are by no means sufficiently advanced in their studies, to be admitted without injury into the least advanced class. It is often exceedingly difficult for the Faculty to decide what is to be done in such cases. Finally I also desire an answer to this question: Would not the purpose, which this Synod aims to accomplish through its educational institutions, be more fully met, if the instruction, in some of the branches taught there, were imparted by means of the German language? It would not, in my opinion, be difficult, provided the German language were properly taught in the lower classes, for every student in the more advanced classes to receive instruction in those branches which are treated only in the German language. In our consultations upon the future arrangement of our College the consideration of such a question would be very advisable.

Whether any other subjects are to be discussed in this con-

vention, the Synod will decide. To me it appears possible to transact all necessary business now, so that the regular meeting in the Autumn of this year might be dispensed with.

Finally it is to be announced, that the Synod of Missouri, &c., at its last convention in St. Louis, unanimously accepted the articles of agreement that were already adopted by our Synod, and that these articles are now in force in both Synods. It might also be stated, that Prof. Schmid, as the alternate of Prof. Lehmann, and myself, were present, in accordance with our appointment, as delegates at the above-mentioned convention of the Missouri Synod, and were received with fraternal welcome. Inasmuch as by the adoption of the articles of union on the part of both, these Synods have now entered upon a more intimate relationship with each other, the reciprocal sending of delegates would be superfluous, as all the members of the one Synod are invited to attend the conventions of the other.

May our faithful God, who has always prospered us above all that we could ask or think, also bless us during these sessions and forevermore, that His name may be hallowed, His kingdom come and His will be done. Amen. M. Loy.

Columbus, May 22., 1872.

After the above report had been read, Synod resolved that at this meeting the usual business of the regular session should be transacted, and that the regular convention, appointed for October of this year, should not be held. In accordance with this action, Synod proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Prof. M. Loy	*President.*
Prof. W. F. Lehmann . . .	*Vice President.*
Rev. H. F. Belser	*Recording Secretary.*
Prof. E. Schmid	*Corresponding Secretary.*
Mr. R. Guthke	*Treasurer.*

By resolution Pastor H. A. Becker was appointed English Recording Secretary, and Pastor G. H. Trebel Chaplain of this Synod.

After the organization of Synod had thus been completed, the transaction of business began, occupying 11 sessions, the last

of which took place on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 29., when the Synod was adjourned with the solemnity of the closing service.

The various business transactions and resolutions of this Synod are the following:

I. THE SYNODICAL CONFERENCE.

The first subject to which the attention of Synod was directed, was the proposed Synodical Conference, and the position which this Synod might desire to assume relative thereto. The constitution of the Synodical Conference was deliberately and thoroughly considered, each paragraph separately, and it was unanimously resolved: That this Constitution be adopted, and that this Synod be herewith formally connected with the Synodical Conference.

Accordingly a committee was appointed, consisting of Pastors Luebkert, Michaelis, Hengist, Borchers and Beek, to report a mode of electing delegates to the Synodical Conference, and of defraying their traveling expenses. This committee reported at the sixth session of Synod. Their report was adopted as follows:

Your committee, appointed to report a mode of electing delegates to the Synodical Conference, presents the following: Our Synod consists of about 140 Pastoral charges, and accordingly we are entitled to 14 delegates, 7 clerical and 7 lay delegates. Now the several Districts stand as follows: the Northern numbers 36, the Western 36, the Eastern 28, the English 25 and the Southern 14 pastoral charges. Therefore, to avoid all possible intricacies, your committee moves:

1. That for the following three conventions of the Synodical Conference, the several districts shall elect their delegates as follows: for A. D. 1872 the Northern and Western Districts each elect 4 delegates, 2 clerical and 2 lay. The Eastern and English Districts, however, shall each elect but 2, 1 clerical and 1 lay. In A. D. 1873 this arrangement shall be reversed; and in A. D. 1874 it shall be the same as in 1872. The Southern District elects 2 delegates, 1 clerical and 1 lay, in each one of these three years.
2. For each delegate an alternate is to be elected.
3. The secretaries of the several Districts shall report such

election to the President of the Joint Synod, who shall subscribe testimonials of election.

4. Each District defrays the traveling expenses of its own delegates.

II. AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE JOINT SYNOD.

At the last convention of the Joint Synod at Dayton, Ohio, nine different amendments to the constitution of this Synod were proposed, the adoption or rejection of which was to be decided at this convention. (See minutes of Joint Synod, dated A. D. 1870, pp. 42.)

These amendments were considered in the fourth session. The 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 were adopted. The 5th was rejected. The 6th was adopted, but with the words affixed; "the latter, however, not in local affairs." The 9th amendment as changed and finally adopted is the following: The regular conventions of this Synod shall be held once every two years, in the first half of October if possible, and the conventions of the District Synods shall be so arranged, that the President of the Joint Synod may be enabled to be present at, and to take part in, their proceedings. Special conventions shall be held when recommended by resolution of a District, or when desired by ten Pastors. Such request, however, must be approved by the majority of the several presidents of Synod, after having been transmitted in writing to the President of the Joint Synod, who shall then as soon as possible announce the time and place of such convention through the Recording Secretary.

In addition to this it was resolved, that a committee be appointed to thoroughly revise the entire constitution of the Joint Synod, or, if more practicable, to prepare a new constitution, to be submitted at the next regular convention, and that the President of the Joint Synod shall be a member of this committee. The President accordingly appointed Prof. Lehmann and Pastors J. C. Schulze, Meiser and Belser.

In accordance with the 9th amendment to the constitution a committee was appointed, consisting of the presidents of the several Districts, to report the time when the several District Synods shall hereafter hold their conventions. The committee submitted the following report:

Your committe has agreed that the Southern District shall hold its convention on Misericordias Domini Sunday, the Western on Trinity Sunday, the Eastern on the first Sunday after Trinity, the Northern in Autumn and the English in October.

This action was adopted by the Synod, and the resolution subjoined, that in case the presence of the President of the Joint Synod at the meeting of any District Synod is prevented, it shall be the duty of the Vice President to attend such meeting, and that the traveling expenses thus incurred shall be paid from the treasuries of the District Synods.

III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report of the First Committee.

The papers in the hands of your committee are the President's Report, together with reports concerning our educational institutions, and the resolutions of the Chicago Conference. Upon these papers we take the liberty to submit to this honorable Synod this report:

1. That your committee recognizes the necessity and urgency of calling this special convention of our Joint Synod, inasmuch as subjects are before us, the consideration of which could not have been postponed without detriment to the church.

2. Our praises and thanksgivings are due to God, for so blessing the efforts of the committee, which was appointed to prepare the way for a closer union with other orthodox Lutheran synods, that they resulted in the preliminary convention at Chicago, in which the first steps were taken for the formation of the Synodical Conference. The subsequent Conference at Fort Wayne (in May, A. D. 1871), in which the constitution of the Synodical Conference was revised and the well-known Memorial adopted, we regard as decidedly important in this whole matter, and recognize therein the gracious guidance of the Lord and Head of our church. Inasmuch, now, as this Synod has already sufficiently considered this subject, by the unanimous adoption of the Synodical Conference constitution, the proposed union has, on its part, been consummated.

3. In regard to the admission of the Synods of Illinois and Minnesota into the Synodical Conference, we move, that as soon as the negotiations already begun in regard to the position of the

latter, shall have been satisfactorily concluded, the consent of this Synod thereto shall be given.

4. The proposition of the Chicago Conference, in reference to our educational institutions, is regarded as of the utmost importance, in support of which much might be said. Yet, and for this very reason, we do not deem it advisable to act with precipitation in this matter. The time may indeed come, when such an arrangement would not only be desirable, but also entirely practicable. But it seems to us, that this time has not yet come; and inasmuch as at all events the matter has not yet been laid before our congregations, the details of perfecting such an arrangement have not yet been clearly defined, its practical difficulties could not be unimportant, and the wants of our congregations in regard to language would require the most careful consideration, it is our opinion that it would be better, not to change our arrangement, that has existed so long, in the manner proposed, until the necessity and practicability of such a change shall appear more clear and urgent.

5. Regarding the defects of our institutions, to which our worthy President has called our attention, and their present arrangement, it is our unanimous and decided conviction, that the existing college organization should by no means be abandoned, but that on the contrary we should retain and, if possible, improve it. To this end we regard it as the duty of *all,* to labor with energy upon the improvement and extension of our institutions. The vacancy now existing in the institutions should be filled as soon as possible, and the present Professors should be so situated that they may be enabled, to devote their entire time and energies, as soon as practicable, to their calling in the institution.

At this Synod, therefore, we should make the effort to obtain a more definite understanding of our task and duty, by a farther discussion of this matter, so that, by the grace of God, we may at last carry on this work with united strength, to the praise of His name and the edification of our beloved church. We, therefore, take the liberty to move, that at each convention of the Joint Synod every Pastor present state the amount he himself is willing to contribute into the treasury of the institution, and the amount he, according to his judgment, can collect

in his congregations. Also, that the corresponding Secretary be required to obtain by letter such statement from those who may be absent, and that at this convention this plan be put in practice.

6. In regard to the question of our worthy President, concerning the propriety of removing our institutions to a smaller locality, we move that this question be now discussed and, if possible, decided.

7. We recommend the same thing in regard to the subsequent question, concerning admission into the Grammar School.

8. Concerning the third question, whether it would not be promotive of our object, if the instruction in some of the branches were imparted in the German language, we heartily recommend the adoption of the opinion expressed in the report.

9. We rejoice to learn from the report of our worthy President, that on the part of the Missouri Synod the Articles of Agreement have been adopted, and that thereby every hindrance in the way of a reciprocal recognition has been removed. It is also highly gratifying to us, that at the last convention of the above mentioned Synod, at St. Louis, our delegates received so hearty and fraternal a welcome.

10. Inasmuch as the essential contents of the accompanying reports, concerning the Seminary and College, have already been sufficiently noticed in the foregoing, it only remains for us to call attention to the fact, that the several vacancies in the Board of Directors are to be supplied at this convention. We request the reading of both reports before Synod.

Recognizing the important services of our worthy President, we finally recommend the publication in our minutes, of all the above mentioned reports.

W. F. Lehmann, D. M. Martens,
F. Groth, Julius Klingler,
F. A. Herzberger, Jesse Harter.

In connection with what has been touched upon above, namely in regard to placing our Professors in such a position, that they will be enabled to devote all their time and strength exclusively to their calling in the institution, we, the undersigned members of the first committee, submit the following special and particular motion: That our worthy Professor, W. F. Lehmann, in view of the impossibility of being at once

President and Professor of our institutions, as well as the Pastor of a large congregation, in the full sense of the word, be requested to persuade his congregation, for the sake of the honor of God and the edification of His kingdom, to release him from the office of Pastor, and to call another Pastor, so that our dear Professor may find it possible to devote his entire time and strength to the institution.

F. A. Herzberger, F. Groth,
H. Lang, D. M. Martens,
J. Klingler, J. Harter.

This report occupied the attention of Synod during several sessions, and was adopted after having been thoroughly considered. It occasioned the following additional resolutions:

In connection with item 5. of the report, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of our institutions be directed, once more to extend a call to Pastor H. Wyneken, Jr., of Cleveland, O., to accept the vacant professorship at Columbus.

Also in consequence of the same item, the Pastors present announced the amount of their own individual contributions to the treasury of the institution, as well as the amounts they could probably collect in their several congregations. The result was gratifying.

In regard to item 6. it was

Resolved, a, That our institutions be removed from their present locality, b, That our Pastors be requested to look for a suitable location, and report the same, together with advantages that may be offered, as soon as possible, to the Board, c, That the Board shall then take such offers under consideration, and, if necessary, they shall call a special convention of the Joint Synod, or present the matter at a regular convention, where a final decision shall be made.

It was further, under item 7. of the report

Resolved, That the Faculty be instructed to confine themselves strictly to the course of study pursued in the institution in the admission of students, and to reject those who have not made sufficient preparation. Also

Resolved, That the Education Treasury and the Treasury for Professors' salary be combined into one "Treasury of the Institution," into which all monies for the institution shall hereafter be paid, and that Pastor J. A. Schulze be elected Treasurer. A committee consisting of Professors Lehmann, Loy and Schmid was appointed to regulate the disbursement of the Treasury funds.

Pastors H. F. Belser and F. A. Herzberger, and delegates Jesse Harter and Julius Klingler were elected members of the Board of Directors, to fill vacancies of those whose time had expired.

Finally the reports of the Board of the Seminary and College at Columbus were read as follows:

Report of the Board of the Seminary.

Although the interests of our institutions will be brought before this Synod outside of this report, the undersigned nevertheless feels under obligations to submit several suggestions in regard to the Theological Seminary.

As far as the internal management of this department is concerned, we gladly acknowledge that it has not retrograded, but advanced. The appointment of a second Professor a few years ago has been an advantage to the Seminary. And it affords great satisfaction to know, that our two Professors, in their fraternal and most harmonious activity, are a great blessing to the Seminary and to the Church, and that in this direction all just expectations are realized. It is not to be denied, however, that a further accession to the present number of teachers is very desirable. To this end several efforts of the joint Board of the Seminary and College have already been directed, however without reaching the desired result thus far. Perhaps this Honorable Body might, at this convention, succeed in finding the proper measures toward the accomplishment of this purpose. However, if this venerable Synod should be inclined to favor the proposition of the Synodical Conference at its first convention at Chicago, or any essential change, removal of the institution to a smaller locality, or the like, such inclination must at all events first be determined; but in any case the subject of our institutions should receive full and thorough consideration. And herein each individual should be ready to sacrifice personal desires and private opinions, and to labor for the general good of the institution and of the Church. May the God of love bestow the proper knowledge, the proper means, and His precious blessing upon our activity in this holy cause!

The present number of Theological students, several of whom will soon enter into fields of labor, is twenty-one.

No other alterations or special events in the internal management of the Seminary have transpired since our last report.

The time of service of Pastors Bæchler and Belser, and delegates Jesse Harter and Adam Trautman, as members of the Board, will have expired at the date of the regular convention of this Synod this year, and the vacancies occasioned are to be supplied.

The Lord grant His grace, that at this convention of Synod our work in reference to this institution may be thoroughly accomplished. Respectfully,

J. A. Schulze,
Secretary of the Board.

Report of the Board of Capital University.

To the venerable Joint Synod of Ohio the undersigned begs leave to submit the following report, in behalf of the Directors of Capital University:

This institution is still accomplishing, by the grace of God, in its modest way, much good for the Synod and for the Church. At present the entire number of students is sixty-three, of whom there are twenty-one in the Seminary, twenty-four in the College, and in the preparatory department eighteen. In the College there are six in the Senior Class, eight in the Junior, two in the Sophomore and eight in the Freshmen.

Thirty-six students are supported by the funds of the Educational Treasury of the Church.

The deportment of the students has been, as a general thing, exemplary, and is a source of great satisfaction to the Faculty and the friends of the institution.

Professor Dasher entered upon the fulfillment of his duties at the beginning of the present year. At the request of the Faculty he assumed *pro tempore* the responsibilities of "Haus-Vater."

The Board of Directors has made, during the last year, several attempts to supply the College and Seminary with the services of another Professor, but has been unsuccessful thus far.

This, and all other needs of these institutions, will be brought out in the several reports brought before Synod.

May our Heavenly Father permit His blessing to rest upon this Synod and its work in reference to these institutions.

Respectfully,

J. Beck,

Secretary of the Board of Capital University.

Bucyrus, Ohio, May 23., 1872.

Report of the Second Committee.

Your committee, to whom three letters were committed, takes the liberty to submit the following to the consideration of this venerable Synod:

1. In regard to No. 1.—This is a writing from Pastor G. Lœwenstein to the venerable President of the Joint Synod, in which he suggests, that an abridgement of the minutes of the several District Synods might be published with the minutes of the Joint Synod, for the purpose of promoting a better acquaintance and a more intimate communion of the various Districts with each other.

Your committee, however, is of the opinion, that in case the report of the President of the Joint Synod, together with the reports of its several committees, should not present everything necessary to promote a reciprocal acquaintance of the several Districts with each other, every Pastor is at liberty, from the copy of the minutes of other Districts, that is sent to him, to impart to his congregation whatever may seem promotive of the above-mentioned object.

2. In regard to No. 2.—This is a letter from Pastor Schuette, in which he offers to present to this Synod 1400 unbound copies of his "Church-Member's Manual," for the promotion of the work of education.

Your committee moves, that we accept with sincere gratitude the gift of this book, which is truly useful and worthy of distribution.

3. In regard to No. 3.—This is a letter of request, and circular, from Rev. Ed. Carlsson, Pastor of the Swedish Immanuel Congregation of Chicago, which lost its church by the great fire. He requests this Synod to aid his congregation, by its contributions, in the building of a new church.

To this we reply: Inasmuch as, in regard to pecuniary means, our own household of faith has not only been hindered and pressed in various ways, but also because lately so many, who have suffered by fires in different localities, have looked to us for assistance, your committee does not venture to propose a resolution favoring this request.

Respectfully,

J. C. Schulze, C. G. Reichert,
E. L. S. Tressel, G. F. H. Meiser,
G. H. Trebel, John Kraus,
Geo. Dingeldey.

This report was adopted, and in regard to item 2. it was

Resolved, That the money needed to procure binding for a required number of copies of the book in question, be taken from the Treasury of the Institution.

Report of the Third Committee.

The documents submitted to your committee are the minutes of the last Joint Synod and of the several District Synods.

1. In regard to the proceedings of the Joint Synod.

a. Concerning the cause of Missions.

In reference to the Missionary work, to which attention was directed by the report of the First committee, (See p. 25) we take the liberty to make the following motion:—Inasmuch as it is our opinion, that the work of Home Missions could be more efficiently carried on by the Joint Synod itself, therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That this Synod appoint a Missionary committee, consisting of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall energetically carry on the work of home Missions: and

2. That the Joint Synod appoint a committee, to prepare and submit to the next Synod, a plan in accordance with which this missionary Committee shall carry on its work.

b. Concerning the disorganization of the District Synods, (p. 26.) Your committee is of the opinion, that such a proposition is not now practicable, and that therefore the existing division into Districts should remain as it is for the present.

c. Concerning the Dissertation in regard to Antichrist.

Inasmuch as this convention of Synod was called to be a

special convention, we move that this Dissertation be made the subject of discussion at our next convention.

d. Concerning the orphan's home, we move that the committee, appointed at the last convention, be now required to report.

e. In regard to the preparation of an inventory of the property belonging to the Synod, we move that the committee appointed for this purpose be required to report.

2. In the minutes of the Western District (pp. 6 and 8) the establishment of a definite regulation for the dismission of congregations, from our District to another is recommended. Your committee moves, that in cases where congregations desire to be dismissed from one of the German, into the English District, the predominance of the English language shall be regarded as the reason for granting such dismission.

E. Schmid, P. A. Peter,
F. Schiedt, E. Cronenwett,
A. Buerkle, D. Summers,
Peter Bowe.

This report was adopted. The committee required in No. 1, item b, was appointed by the President, and consists of Pastors Trebel, Dornbirer and Helle.

In the name of the Orphan's Home committee Past. Herbst reported, that as yet nothing had been done in the matter, upon which another committee was appointed for this work, consisting of Pastors H. Lang, Herbst, Lœwenstein, Luebkert and H. A. Becker.

In the name of the inventory committee Pastor Herbst likewise reported, that the task of this committee has not yet been accomplished, inasmuch as they did not expect to report until next October. It was resolved that the time of this committee be extended.

Report of the Fourth Committee.

The papers in the hands of your committee are the accounts, receipts and letters of the Missionary Treasurer of the Joint Synod for Foreign Missions. Your committee submits the following report:

1. After a thorough examination of the treasury report,

your committee can only remark, that the account of funds, received into, and disbursed from, this treasury, is kept with the strictest punctuality, and has been found entirely correct.

2. In regard to the arrangement between the Missionary Director, Th. Harms, of Hermannsburg, and the Missionary Treasurer, for the regulation of the sending of missionaries to our Synod, your committee expresses its entire approval. These arrangements, namely, require, that such missionaries shall remain unmarried at least during the first year after their arrival here, and shall likewise regard it as their special task to labor as missionaries in the organization of new congregations.

3. Your committee takes the liberty to move, that Pastor Groth be re-appointed Treasurer of the Joint Synod for Foreign Missions.

4. Your committe desires to propose the publication of the report of the Missionary Treasurer with the minutes of this Synod.

R. Herbst, L. Vogelsang,
G. Lœwenstein, E. Kornbaum,
J. Weil.

This report was adopted, and the following is

The Report

of the funds, received into, and disbursed from, the Missionary Treasury of the Ev. Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio, for Foreign Missions.

A. *Funds received.*

Amount in treasury at the last settlement, October 6., 1870, at Dayton, O.	$383 11
Received subsequently	791 81
Received for Emigrant Mission	10 00
Total receipts	$1184 92

B. *Disbursements.*

Remitted to Pastor Th. Harms, since October 1870, for the Hermannsburg Mission	$770 00
Remitted to Director J. Hardeland, since October 1870, for the Leipzig Mission	137 20
Traveling expenses and partial support of Missionaries sent to us from Hermannsburg in A. D. 1870 & '71	125 00
Remitted to Pastor R. Neumann, for Emigrant mission	10 00
Money Orders and Postage	2 00
Total expenditures	$1044 30

C. *Balance.*

Cash on hand in Treasury	$140 62

F. Groth, *Treasurer.*

Bucyrus, O., May 22., 1872.

Report of the Fifth Committee.

The books of the several treasuries, in the hands of your committee, have been examined, and the accounts and accompanying receipts carefully compared and found correct. Your committee appreciates the diligent care with which all these accounts have been kept, and with which the requests of the last Synod at Dayton, in reference to faciliating a thorough examination of the books, have been regarded.

The present condition of the several treasuries is the following:

1. *The Education Treasury.*

Amount in Treasury in Oct. 1870	$690 27
Received up to May, 1872	5021 71
Total	$5711 98
Expenditures up to May, 1872	$5044 84
Amount remaining in Treasury	$667 14

2. *The Treasury for Professors' Salary.*

Amount in Treasury in October, 1870	$17 14
Received up to May, 1872	620 65
Total	$637 79
Expenditures up to May, 1872	$457 50
Amount remaining in Treasury	$180 29

3. *Treasury of the Kirchenzeitung.*

Amount in Treasury in October, 1870	$78 42
Received up to May, 1872	3093 25
Total	$3171 81
Expenditures up to May, 1872	2185 25
Amount remaining in Treasury	$986 56

The present number of subscribers of the Kirchenzeitung is 2142.

3. *The Treasury of Books published by the Synod.*

Amount in Treasury in October, 1870	
a. by German Hymnbooks	$257 62
b. by English Hymnbooks	243 07
Received from both sources up to May, 1872	4923 27
Total	$5423 96
Expenditures up to May, 1872	5140 01
Amount remaining in Treasury	$283 95

Your committee takes the liberty to suggest that *a.*) The accounts submitted by the Treasurer up to this date be taken from hishands, and *b.* That the receipts shall be copied and deposited in the archives ofthis Synod.

The Book Agent asks, whether in every case books must be sold on credit, and if so, what length of time; also, whether books may be put out to be sold on commission.

The committee moves to instruct the Book Agent to the effect, that in certain cases a credit of six months may be given, but that, whenever the cash is paid, a discount of 5 per cent shall be allowed.

Finally your committee takes the liberty to move, that the 6 per cent, which the Book Agent has hitherto received for his labor, be increased to 10 per cent, inasmuch as the labor of packing and sending books, as well as the necessary correspondence and other work, is of such magnitude, that the increase of his percentage herein proposed appears perfectly justified.

Dr. J. A. Spangenberg, A. W. Werder,
H. Krœger.

This report was adopted, and with it the resolution:

1. That the Book Agent shall make provision hereafter to suppy hymn books with better binding, and 2. That the larger hymn books of the first edition, yet on hand at Columbus, or in the hands of Pastors, shall be sold one third cheaper than they have been hitherto, and 3. That no books shall be put out for sale on commission.

Report of the Sixth Committee.

To your committee have been committed the report and accounts of the Committee in charge of the Treasury for Pastors, Widows and Orphans, which were found all correct.

In the report attention is called to the fact, that so many members of this Synod have disregarded all former resolutions in reference to this matter, and that therefore each one should be obligated, annually to contribute a certain amount for this purpose. Your committee takes the liberty to remark, that it is not advisable to enforce legal observances in this matter, but that every member of the Synod should be left free to act according to the dictates of his own conviction.

Finally your committe calls attention to the fact, that the term of the Treasurer of the Pastors' Widows and Orphans Treasury has expired, and that therefore an election for this office is to be held.

Your committee also moves the publication of the report of the Committee in charge of the Pastors' Widows and Orphans Treasury with the minutes of this Synod.

J. F. N. Wolf, J. J. Sutter,
J. Holsschuh.

The report was adopted and it was

Resolved, To instruct the Committee in charge of the Pastors' Widows and Orphans Treasury, to submit to the next Joint Synod a plan for the better regulation of this matter, and to report the same to the President, at a date sufficiently early to enable him to make reference thereto in his report.

The following is

The Report of the Pastors' Widows and Orphans Treasurer.

Your committee herewith submits to this venerable Synod its fourth report.

As formerly the following persons have received aid from this Treasury:

The Pastor's Widow	Bierdeman,	$25.00 per month
" " "	Fetter,	25.00 per quarter
Pastor	Strœhlein,	18.75 per quarter

Since October 1870, the entire amount of expenditures (including postage) foots up $749.70. Inclusive of the amount in

the Treasury in 1870, the amount since received is $994.48, so that the present amount in the Treasury remains $244.78.

We are sorry to say, that all former desires and resolutions of this Synod have been complied with by only a small number, and therefore it seems to us, that it would be well for this Synod to obligate every member, annually to pay a certain amount to the Treasurers of the several District Synods, to be paid by these into the Pastors' Widows and Orphans Treasury.

The term of the Treasurer, J. C. Schulze, has expired, and accordingly a member of this committe is to be elected by this Synod, for the next six years.

Respectfully,

C. Wernle, H. F. Belser,
J. C. Schulze.

Instead of Pastor J. C. Schulze, whose time of service had expired, Pastor Meiser was elected a member of this committee.

Report of the Seventh Committee.

The Seventh committee, to whom the report of the Treasurer of Capital University was committed for examination, has the honor to report, that the same was found correct, and herewith proposes its publication with the minutes of this Synod.

C. Wernle, F. zur Muehlen,
J. Naas.

This report was adopted, and the following is

The Report of the Treasurer of Capital University.

At the last settlement with the committee of the Board of Trustees on January 15., 1872, the condition of the Treasury was as follows:

From the former settlement down to December 15, 1871, the entire Receipts from all sources amounted to	$10461 41
Expenditures during the same time.....	9511 96
Remainder in the Treasury on Dec. 15, 1871	$949 45
Received since, and up to May 15, 1872	852 23
Expenditures since, and up to May 15, 1872	732 50
Surplus.....	$19 73
Amount in Treasury on May 15, 1872...	$969 18

The amount of property in the form of notes, nearly all of which are secured by mortgage, is, inclusive of interest, something more than $3000. It would, however, probably be difficult to collect by far the greater portion of this amount, at least for a few years to come. For some time to come, scarcely $2000, inclusive of the amount now in the Treasury, could be made available.

On the other hand the desired repairs have by no means been secured, and will require, inclusive of the expense that must soon be incurred for the purpose of fitting up the street on the Western side of our property, at least $3000.

The Lord provide the needed wisdom and readiness to find the right and to do the necessary work, in the faith that worketh by love, and that is ever prepared to bring the required sacrifice, wherever the honor of God is to be promoted.

Columbus, O., May 21., 1872. W. F. Lehmann.

Report of the Eighth Committee.

Your committee has in hand letters from Pastors H. Kœnig, J. Dœrfler, A. Schæchter, K. Kœberlin, J. F. Isensee, G. Cronenwett, and G. Kranz, in which they ask excuses for absence from this Synod. These brethren report sickness as the cause of their absence, in part also sickness in their families and congregations.

Your committee moves that these brethren be excused.

W. Schmogrow, G. Dœpken,
H. Zorn.

The report was adopted, and also the Pastors J. D. Warns, Kreuter, Strœhlein, Stumpf, Holm, Pohl, Brecht and C. Mayer were excused.

IV. OTHER PROCEEDINGS AND RESOLUTIONS OF SYNOD.

1. Pastor Dr. Spangenberg of Cincinnati stated before the Synod, that to secure the funds collected within the bounds of this Synod for his congregation, a mortgage upon the property of the congregation to the amount of $1900 has been recorded, and that this is a great hindrance to the prosperity of the congregation, and he therefore requests the Synod to annul the mortgage.

It was resolved that the officers of the Missionary Society of the Western District shall be empowered to annul this mortgage, as soon as required by the welfare of the congregation, and whenever it may be done without injury to the Synod.

2. At the request of the Synod Pastor Reichert stated to what extent the work of preparing a history of our Synod had progressed, after which it was

Resolved, That his work should be submitted to the next Synod.

3. To the question, whether this Synod would permit the English District to issue the "Lutheran Standard" weekly at its own risk, the reply was that such permission was granted.

4. The committees having charge of the Lutheran Kirchenzeitung and Standard were re-appointed.

5. *Resolved*, That the expenses of the Corresponding Secretary, (for printing of circulars, postage and the like) be paid from the Treasury of the Institution.

6. *Resolved*, That hereafter the indebtedness of the Joint Synod shall be apportioned to the Districts, upon the basis of their membership.

Shortly before the adjournment of Synod, a question was submitted in regard to the preaching of our Pastors in the churches of errorists. Inasmuch as there was no time to discuss the question, Pastor Meiser was appointed to prepare a dissertation on this subject, and to submit the same to this Synod at its next convention.

8. *Motion to amend the constitution.* A motion was submitted that the article on the subject of elections, in the constitution of the Joint Synod, be so amended as to provide for the election of an English recording Secretary by ballot.

9. *Publication of Minutes.*

Resolved, That 2500 German and 1000 English copies of our minutes be published, and that they be distributed by our Book Agent as his own judgment may dictate.

Further

Resolved, That the English Secretary be instructed to translate the reports of committees into English, but that hereafter all committees shall submit their reports in both the English and the German language.

10. *Place of the next convention of Synod.* The appointment of the place for the next meeting was submitted to the decision of the officers of Synod, and the resolution adopted, that the sessions shall begin at 9 A. M. on Thursday and close on the following Wednesday.

11. The Pastor *loci* was instructed to extend to his congregation in Bucyrus the sincere thanks of this Synod for the liberal hospitality with which its members have been entertained.

12. Finally it was resolved to censure those Pastors who without permission absented themselves from the sessions of this Synod before its final adjournment. The following is a list of their names: A. Buerkle, J. F. N. Wolf, R. Grætz, K. W. Kræmer, G. Reif, E. Knauth, J. G. Butz, W. F. Deisz, F. Schiedt, Th. Hengist, F. C. Becker, P. Engers, K. Walz, F. E. Fickeissen, F. Wilhelm, G. E. Buchholz, C. F. Seitz, J. G. Theisz, F. Wendt, P. Mueller, C. Benzin, F. zur Muehlen, J. F. Lautenschlager, M. H. Hockman, J. Humberger, G. Weber, D. Simon, Wm. A. Weisman, C. Mayer, G. C. L. Kittel, Ph. Schmidt, M. Kœpplin, G. Harter.

Divine Service during the Sessions of Synod.

1. The opening sermon on Wednesday evening, on Matt. 28, 20, by Prof M. Loy, President of Synod.

2. Divine Service on Thursday evening, on Rom. 1, 16, by Pastor R. Herbst.

3. Divine Service on Friday evening, on Psalms 93, 5, by Pastor W. C. H. Luebkert.

4. Preparatory Sermon, Saturday afternoon, on Luke 7, 48–50, by Pastor J. J. Sutter.

5. Communion Service, Sunday Morning, on John 3, 1–15, by Prof. E. Schmid.

6. English Service, Sunday evening, on Matthew 7, 21, by Prof. W. F. Lehmann.

7. Missionary Sermon on Monday evening, on Matt. 9, 38, by Pastor C. Volz.

8. Ordination Sermon on Tuesday evening, on Luke 10, 17–20, by Pastor G. Reif.

At the eighth and last service Candidate W. H. Mohrhoff was ordained to the office of the holy ministry, by the President of the Northern District, assisted by Pastors Geo. Reif and J. Græszle.

May the Lord prosper and bless all that has been done, to the honor of His name and the glory of His kingdom! Amen.

H. A. Becker, *English Rec. Sec.*